



# Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy

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DECLARATION AND OATH TO BE FILED WITH ☐ SECRETARY OF STATE ☐ COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

☐ FOR A PRIMARY ELECTION: nomination to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ as a (Insert Party Name unless office is Nonpartisan) \_\_\_\_\_ candidate at the Primary Election held on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

☐ FOR A GENERAL ELECTION: election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate at the General Election held on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or PO Box City Zip

Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NAME (PRINTED EXACTLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE BALLOT): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ RESIDENCE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

☐ (a) I hereby certify that I am either a resident of the county in which I am a candidate, if it contains one or more legislative districts, or of the legislative district if it contains all or parts of more than one county, **OR**

☐ (b) I hereby certify that I will meet the residency qualification(s) in (a) above for 6 months preceding the general election and will notify the office of the Secretary of State in writing when I qualify or if I do not qualify.

OATH OF CANDIDACY - **CANDIDATE MUST SIGN IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR AN OFFICER OF THE OFFICE WHERE THIS FORM IS FILED:**

I hereby certify that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Montana, and do affirm that I possess the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Montana.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

NOTARY OR AUTHORIZED OFFICER

State of Montana

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Candidate

**Where to file for Federal, Statewide, State District and Legislative offices:**

Montana Secretary of State  
State Capitol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 260  
PO Box 202801  
Helena, MT 59620-2801  
Online: [candidates.mt.gov](http://candidates.mt.gov)  
By Fax: 406-444-2023

**Where to file for County, City and most Local District offices:**

County Election Administrator's Office  
A list of county election offices may be found at: [sos.mt.gov/elections](http://sos.mt.gov/elections)

[SEAL/STAMP]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary or Public Official

[Montana notaries must complete the following if not part of stamp at left]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Notary Public

Notary Public for the State of \_\_\_\_\_

Residing at: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_



# Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy – Reverse

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## DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE (CONTINUED)

Candidate Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

### IF THIS PETITION IS FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Lieutenant Governor Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lieutenant Governor Candidate Name

## FILING FEE AND CANDIDATE CERTIFICATIONS

Candidate filing fee, if applicable, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby submitted with this Declaration.

☐ I certify that pursuant to [13-10-211](#) (6), MCA, I understand that a declaration of intent for a write-in candidate is not valid until any filing fee required under 13-10-202, MCA is received by the Secretary of State or election administrator, as applicable. I further certify that this declaration serves as my declaration of acceptance of the nomination or election pursuant to [13-10-204](#) and [13-15-111](#).

☐ I understand that pursuant to [13-10-211](#) (1), MCA, a write-in candidate must file any initials, nicknames, derivatives, or diminutives of his/her name that the candidate wishes to have counted if written in by a voter instead of how the write-in candidate's name is listed above.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DESIGNATIONS

Pursuant to [13-10-302](#) and [13-15-206](#), MCA, a write-in vote may only be counted if the oval, box, or other designated voting area on the ballot is marked and the write-in vote identifies a declared write-in candidate by any of the designations filed in the write-in candidate's declaration of intent which must contain:

- i) first and last name;
- ii) initials, if any, used instead of a first name, or first and middle name, and last name;
- iii) nickname, if any, used instead of a first name, and the last name; and
- iv) a derivative or diminutive name, if any, used instead of a first name, and last name:

Therefore, as part of my declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, I am listing the following variations of my name pursuant to [13-10-211](#) (1), MCA, **including my last name and at least an initial**, which is required by law for each variation:

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If additional, list below: